The widespread consensus in the international community, particularly after the tragic terrorist attacks of September, 11 in the United States, is that terrorism can never be justified and must be eradicated wherever it exists. India's view that terrorism must be resisted until it is decisively crushed, is widely supported by the international community.

US Failure to accept India's help in fighting terrorism

1267. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that US has failed to accept India's help in fighting terrorism; and

(b) if so,the details of the help offered by India to US in fighting terrorism?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) The United States conveyed a number of specific proposals for India's assistance in the fight against terrorism, including its on-going military campaign "Operation Enduring Freedom" in Afghanistan. Proposals that were in conformity with the existing guidelines for cooperation with friendly countries were approved.

(b) The specific areas of cooperation approved include investigations into the terrorist attacks on 11th September, intelligence sharing on terrorist groups and network, over flight, landing and refuelling facilities for U.S. air missions and port calls by naval ships in support of its campaign. In addition, the two countries are working together, and with other countries, to establish global conventions and standards that strengthen international cooperation in fighting the forces of terror everywhere in the world.

Labelling Pakistan as Terrorist State

1268. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most terrorist organizations operating in Kashmir arc enjoying patronage of Pakistan Government and ISI yet the USA have not labelled Pakistan a Terrorist State;

(b) whether it is also a fact that America's own foreign policy changes according to convenience and India must fight its own battle in Kashmir; and